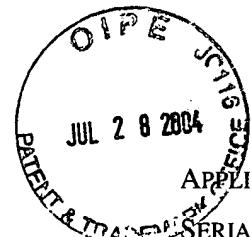


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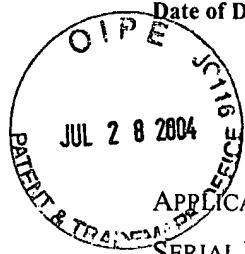
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### AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2004. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and required fee are filed herewith. With the extension of time, this Response is due on July 29, 2004. No additional fees are believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-019 (Cura-319).

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.



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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action mailed January 29, 2004 (14 pgs.);
2. Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 pg.);
3. Check No. 19086 for \$475.00 to cover extension fees; and
4. Return Postcard.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are due in connection with this submission. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-019. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617/542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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